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General Richard G. Stillwell
USA (Ret) Chairman
Interagency Group/Countermeasures

Dear General Stillwell:

I would like you to know that the Overseas Security Policy
Group (OSPG) has been making substantial progress in coordina-
ting the protection of personnel, facilities and national
security information at U.S. missions abroad. The latest
developments in our security program include _inter_ _alia_:

-- The Department of State intends to request a security
supplemental appropriation from the Congress which will
allow us to relocate some Middle Eastern missions to free
standing USG-owned buildings.

-- The Department has established procedures, acceptable to
the intelligence community, for performing facade and roof
maintenance and repair work overseas. We are currently
performing badly needed maintenance at several missions
using these procedures.

-- We have requested DOD to raise our complement of Marine
Security Guards to enable us to provide a detachment at all
U.S. embassies and appropriate consulates by 1987.

As you are aware, the Secretary has announced the creation
of a select Advisory Panel to advise him on the Department's
responsibilities to protect U.S. diplomatic facilities and per-
sonnel abroad and to determine how best these responsibilities
can be fulfilled in the face of increased terrorism worldwide.
The panel will submit its report by the end of the year. The
OSPG will provide briefing and staff support to the panel and
will coordinate fully the development and implementation of its

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recommendations. We expect this important initiative by the Secretary to significantly enhance the Department and OSPG efforts to provide the best possible security for all foreign affairs agencies' personnel, facilities and national security information abroad under the umbrella of U.S. diplomatic and consular posts.

I will keep you advised as to the results of these and other efforts we are making in the security area as developments warrant.

Sincerely,

David C. Fields

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